



Introduction

In the 1st century, there was a common hope among the Jews that God would make good on his promises and bring about their deliverance by raising up a king. All agreed that this coming king would be related to king David and be 'his son'. In Mark 12:35-37, Jesus references one of the key passages which confirmed everyone's hope but also hinted at something greater. True, the messiah (king) would indeed be David's son, but surprisingly he would be far more than anyone expected -- he would be "David's Lord".

Observation/Interpretation

- Even though the picture of the messiah (or, Christ/King) has been seen all around Mark's gospel, Jesus offers a riddle of his own to expound upon the commonly held beliefs about Psalm 110:1 (a commonly known verse about the coming king). How does Jesus challenge/broaden their previously held views of the messiah (David's son)?

Application

- Why is it important to allow Jesus to shape, through the scriptures, our opinions about him?
- Popular interpretations of passages that spoke of the coming King/Messiah saw the coming King as David's son but failed to see him as "David's Lord". Knowing this, how should this cause us to be less arrogant and more teachable with other passages in the Bible?
- What are some ways in which we (as sinful/fallen people) make Jesus according to our likeness and, by doing so, make him smaller/lesser than he truly is?

Prayer

Ask God to help you be open to his Spirit's guidance and the whole of the scripture to help expand and shape your thinking/understanding of who he is and what he is doing.

Community Group Discussion

- Read the passage together out loud.
- Involve your group by asking/answering the study questions, taking the time to share.
- Ask for prayer requests and be sure to pray together.

Family Discussion

- Have your child/children read the passage aloud, if old enough otherwise you read it aloud.
- Involve them by asking questions.
- Ask for prayer requests and invite them to pray together as a family.

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These notes can be used for personal bible study, yet, another way would be to invite some people together. We call these intentional gatherings, 'Community Groups'.

What is a Community Group?

Community Groups are small gatherings of believers (non-believers welcomed too!) that meet regularly for accountability, friendship, study of the Bible and prayer. Community Groups are an essential part of the mission of Calvary SLO Church as they are a place where we wrestle with the truths of the Bible and encourage one another toward the life God intends. Each community group is unique and molded by the people who attend it. Most community groups gather weekly and involve food, dialog, prayer, discussion for applying the Bible to practical living, and loving service to one-another. They're meant to be an organic and authentic expression of the church, actively living like the body of Jesus.

Why should I join/start a Community Group?

God is a Trinitarian God who is revealed as one in three persons: Father, Son and Spirit. We've been made to image God, which means we're designed for community & friendship. We often suffer when we're not in community, due to the brokenness of life, complexity of this world and the temptation to isolate ourselves. We encourage you to gather with a small group of friends, family or roommates on a weekly basis and use these discussion notes to press deeper into God.

How do I join the Calvary SLO Community Group eco-system?

We're enthusiastic about all forms of biblical community, however there are definite benefits to joining with the Calvary SLO Community Group (CG) eco-system. In short, the benefits are:

- **Training:** We have trainings intent on equipping leaders.
- **Support:** Each CG leader is assigned a coach to provide assistance and ongoing support.
- **Visibility:** CG's are promoted via the bulletin, website & given access to The City (our online social network).

To join all you have to do is sign up for the next upcoming training! Info: pastor James: james@calvaryslo.com.